

Consolidated summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022

	Unaudited 31-Dec-22 Rs'M	Unaudited 31-Dec-21 Rs'M	Audited 30-Jun-22 Rs'M
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	92,011	98,772	73,294
Mandatory balances with Central Banks	29,750	26,818	27,896
Derivative financial instruments	709	395	477
Loans to and placements with banks	21,349	18,013	23,375
Loans and advances to customers	321,780	293,049	325,613
Investment securities	279,593	230,063	239,684
Investments in associates	12,851	12,578	12,356
Investment properties	4,823	4,852	4,799
Goodwill and other intangible assets	2,524	2,278	2,488
Property, plant and equipment	7,261	7,292	7,329
Deferred tax assets	2,362	1,799	2,181
Post employee benefit asset	-	1,218	-
Other assets	7,601	8,301	8,636
Total assets	782,614	705,428	728,128
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	7,140	4,721	6,979
Deposits from customers	570,581	503,839	518,677
Derivative financial instruments	578	341	536
Other borrowed funds	93,881	95,493	94,995
Debt securities	3,856	4,008	3,848
Subordinated liabilities	1,653	1,897	1,793
Preference shares	2,300	3,396	3,396
Current tax liabilities	1,164	991	1,295
Deferred tax liabilities	398	343	386
Post employee benefit liability	460	-	460
Other liabilities	13,327	11,464	14,721
Total liabilities	695,338	626,493	647,086
Shareholders' equity			
Stated capital	4,894	3,086	3,109
Retained earnings	66,145	60,518	61,612
Other components of equity	13,064	12,306	13,191
Equity attributable to the equity holders of the parent	84,103	75,910	77,912
Non-controlling interests	3,173	3,025	3,130
Total equity	87,276	78,935	81,042
Total equity and liabilities	782,614	705,428	728,128
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (NET)	108,178	147,971	126,118

Consolidated summary statement of profit or loss for the period ended 31 December 2022

	Unaudited Quarter to 31-Dec-22 Rs'M	Unaudited Quarter to 31-Dec-21 Rs'M	Unaudited 6 mths to 31-Dec-22 Rs'M	Unaudited 6 mths to 31-Dec-21 Rs'M	Audited Year to 30-Jun-22 Rs'M
Interest income using the effective interest method	7,899	4,466	13,907	8,964	18,455
Interest expense	(3,068)	(732)	(4,741)	(1,398)	(3,264)
Net interest income	4,831	3,734	9,166	7,566	15,191
Fee and commission income	2,586	2,327	4,834	4,170	8,584
Fee and commission expense	(784)	(691)	(1,473)	(1,202)	(2,514)
Net fee and commission income	1,802	1,636	3,361	2,968	6,070
Other income	1,504	992	2,083	1,495	2,584
Operating income	8,137	6,362	14,610	12,029	23,845
Non-interest expense	(2,807)	(2,283)	(5,390)	(4,532)	(9,132)
Operating profit before impairment	5,330	4,079	9,220	7,497	14,713
Net impairment of financial assets	(983)	(1,078)	(1,696)	(1,904)	(3,481)
Operating profit	4,347	3,001	7,524	5,593	11,232
Share of profit of associates	283	288	500	475	799
Profit before tax	4,630	3,289	8,024	6,068	12,031
Income tax expense	(649)	(480)	(1,236)	(995)	(2,070)
Profit for the period	3,981	2,809	6,788	5,073	9,961
Profit for the period attributable to:					
Ordinary equity holders of the parent	3,901	2,660	6,663	4,900	9,637
Preference shareholders	63	80	63	80	160
Non-controlling interests	17	69	62	93	164
	3,981	2,809	6,788	5,073	9,961
Earnings per share:					
Basic (Rs)	15.99	11.10	27.34	20.46	40.14
Diluted (Rs)	15.99	11.10	27.34	20.45	40.13
Basic weighted average number of shares (thousands)	243,987	239,604	243,696	239,548	240,064
Diluted weighted average number of shares (thousands)	244,033	239,682	243,741	239,626	240,119

Consolidated summary statement of comprehensive income for the period ended 31 December 2022

Profit for the period	3,981	2,809	6,788	5,073	9,961
Other comprehensive income/(expense):					
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	303	176	223	110	(1,360)
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	277	(80)	(279)	40	(34)
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	580	96	(56)	150	(1,394)
Total comprehensive income for the period	4,561	2,905	6,732	5,223	8,567
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Ordinary equity holders of the parent	4,445	2,737	6,590	4,988	8,150
Preference shareholders	63	80	63	80	160
Non-controlling interests	53	88	79	155	257
	4,561	2,905	6,732	5,223	8,567

Consolidated summary statement of changes in equity for the period ended 31 December 2022

	Attributable to equity holders of the parent							
	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings	Capital Reserve	Translation Reserve	Statutory Reserve	Total	Non-Controlling Interests	Total Equity
	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M
At 1 July 2021	2,776	57,746	2,754	1,555	8,061	72,892	2,904	75,796
Profit for the period	-	4,980	-	-	-	4,980	93	5,073
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	72	(4)	20	-	88	62	150
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	5,052	(4)	20	-	5,068	155	5,223
Dividends to ordinary shareholders	-	(2,277)	-	-	-	(2,277)	(32)	(2,309)
Dividends to preference shareholders	-	(80)	-	-	-	(80)	-	(80)
Shares issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme	248	-	-	-	-	248	-	248
Issue of shares following the exercise of Group Employee Share Options Scheme	62	-	-	-	-	62	-	62
Transactions with owners	310	(2,357)	-	-	-	(2,047)	(32)	(2,079)
Transfers/movements in reserves	-	77	(80)	-	-	(3)	(2)	(5)
At 31 December 2021	3,086	60,518	2,670	1,575	8,061	75,910	3,025	78,935
At 1 July 2021	2,776	57,746	2,754	1,555	8,061	72,892	2,904	75,796
Profit for the year	-	9,797	-	-	-	9,797	164	9,961
Other comprehensive (expense)/income for the year	-	(1,506)	24	(5)	-	(1,487)	93	(1,394)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year	-	8,291	24	(5)	-	8,310	257	8,567
Dividends to ordinary shareholders	-	(3,462)	-	-	-	(3,462)	(32)	(3,494)
Dividends to preference shareholders	-	(160)	-	-	-	(160)	-	(160)
Shares issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme	247	-	-	-	-	247	-	247
Issue of shares following the exercise of Group Employee Share Options Scheme	86	-	-	-	-	86	-	86
Transactions with owners	333	(3,622)	-	-	-	(3,289)	(32)	(3,321)
Transfers/movements in reserves	-	(803)	(94)	-	896	(1)	1	-
At 30 June 2022	3,109	61,612	2,684	1,550	8,957	77,912	3,130	81,042
Profit for the period	-	6,726	-	-	-	6,726	62	6,788
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	52	99	(224)	-	(73)	17	(56)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	6,778	99	(224)	-	6,653	79	6,732
Dividends to ordinary shareholders	-	(2,184)	-	-	-	(2,184)	(35)	(2,219)
Dividends to preference shareholders	-	(63)	-	-	-	(63)	-	(63)
Shares issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme	634	-	-	-	-	634	-	634
Issue of shares following the exercise of Group Employee Share Options Scheme	55	-	-	-	-	55	-	55
Issue of shares following the conversion of preference shares	1,096	-	-	-	-	1,096	-	1,096
Transactions with owners	1,785	(2,247)	-	-	-	(462)	(35)	(497)
Transfers/movements in reserves	-	2	(2)	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
At 31 December 2022	4,894	66,145	2,781	1,326	8,957	84,103	3,173	87,276

Consolidated summary statement of cash flows for the period ended 31 December 2022

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	6 mths to	6 mths to	Year to
	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21	30-Jun-22
	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M
Operating activities			
Net cash flows from trading activities	5,335	16,306	31,772
Net cash flows from other operating activities	21,046	(21,714)	(63,231)
Dividends received from associates	90	73	457
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders	(2,735)	(3,765)	(3,765)
Dividends paid to preference shareholders	(63)	(80)	(160)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	(35)	(32)	(32)
Income tax paid	(1,536)	(1,374)	(2,247)
Net cash flows from operating activities	22,102	(10,586)	(37,206)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(752)	(1,027)	(1,650)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(178)	301	(211)
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	21,172	(11,312)	(39,067)
Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward	70,774	108,768	108,768
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(352)	565	1,073
Net cash and cash equivalents carried forward	91,594	98,021	70,774

COMMENTS ON RESULTS

Group profits attributable to ordinary shareholders for the semester to 31 December 2022 stood at Rs 6,663 million, representing an increase of 36.0% compared to the corresponding period last year. This performance was largely driven by an improvement in our core earnings and a drop in net impairment charges. Contribution from foreign-sourced income stood at above 65% of Group profits.

Operating income grew by 21.5% to Rs 14,610 million. Net interest income rose by 21.1% to Rs 9,166 million, mainly explained by improved margins linked to the rise in interest rates globally and the expansion of our foreign currency loan book while interest margins on local investment securities declined on average. Net fee and commission income grew by 13.2% to Rs 3,361 million, backed by higher revenues from payment and regional trade financing activities in the banking cluster. 'Other income' rose by 39.3%, mainly due to an increase in profit arising from dealing in foreign currencies and to a higher contribution from MCB Real Assets Ltd.

Operating expenses increased by 18.9%, reflecting ongoing investment in human capital and the impact of higher inflation. Given the relatively higher increase in revenues, the cost to income ratio improved to 36.9% compared to 37.7% for the corresponding period last year. Impairment charges fell by 10.9% to Rs 1,696 million, representing an annualised cost of risk of 84 basis points of gross loans and advances. The gross Non-Performing Loan ratio declined to 3.5% from 3.7% in June 2022.

Our capitalisation level remains comfortable with shareholders' funds increasing to Rs 84.1 billion, contributing to a capital adequacy ratio of 18.6%, of which 17.2% in the form of Tier 1.

Outlook

The recent upgrade by the IMF of its global outlook for 2023 is indicative of a relative improvement in economic conditions, including *inter alia*, China's reopening, the easing of energy prices and the abating inflationary pressures particularly in the US. However, the operating environment remains uncertain with the balance of risks being tilted to the downside. Growth in key markets is expected to slow down markedly this year amidst significant monetary tightening undertaken to fight inflation, as well as the continuing effect of the war in Ukraine. In Mauritius, the economy is set to maintain its recovery process but continues to face some key challenges, for instance, linked to persistently high inflation, which has led to successive increases in the policy rate. Whilst the latter is likely to impact our clients and activities, the rise of international interest rates and the implementation of our strategic initiatives should contribute to a strong performance in this financial year.

By order of the Board
14 February 2023

The unaudited interim consolidated summary financial statements comply with IAS 34 and have been prepared using the same accounting policies as those adopted in the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Where necessary, comparative figures have been amended to conform with changes in presentation or in accounting policies.

Copies of the unaudited interim consolidated summary financial statements are available to the public, free of charge, upon request to the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company, 9-15, Sir William Newton Street, Port-Louis and can be viewed on our website: www.mcbgroup.com

The statement of direct and indirect interests of officers of the Company required under rule 8(2)(m) of the Securities (Disclosure Obligations of Reporting Issuers) Rules 2007 is available upon request, free of charge, at the registered office of the Company.

This communiqué is issued pursuant to Listing Rule 12.20 and Securities Act 2005.

The Board of Directors of the MCB Group Limited accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this communiqué.